3. Gujarat
4. Haryana
5. Karnataka
6. Kerala
7. Madhya Pradesh
8. Maharashtra
9. Manipur
10. Punjab
11. Rajasthan
12. Sikkim
13. Tamil Nadu
14. Tripura
15. Uttar Pradesh
16. West Bengal
17. Andaman & Nicobar Islands
18. Chandigarh
19. Delhi
20. Goa
21. Mizoram.

Setting up up of such Committees is a part of the overall strategy of the Government to achieve the long-term demographicegoals of reaching N_e Reproduction Rate of Unity by 2000 A.D. With a birth rate of 21, death rate of 9, infant mortality rate below 60 per thousand live births and effective couple protection rate of 60 per cent as laid down in the National Health Policy.

Tourist with AIDS Infection

508. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of foreigners visiting India have been found indications of AIDS infection during the last 4 months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government have taken any stricter checks to prevent spread of AIDS in India; and

(c) the details of the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, the incidence is low. During the last 4 months, only the foreigners have been detected to have HIV infection. Of these five are asymptomatic and one prisioner in Ajmer Jail has symptoms of AIDS disease.

(b) and (c) With a view to preventing the speard of infection, all foreigners (other than those working in missions) and foreign students likely to stay in India for more than one year will be required to undergo AIDS test on arrival. However, foreign students who are already in India when admission is sought will not be liable for AIDS test.

.... **Taskforce on AIDS**

509. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to set up taskforce on AIDS;

(b) if so, by when he proposed taskforce is likely to be set up; and

(c) the extent to which the disease is likely to be brought under control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) There is already a National Task Force functioning under Indian Council of Medical Research since October, 1985.

(c) All efforts are made to keep the spread of infection under control. So far, there has not been a single case of full blown AIDS infection in India. All 13 cases detected so far, occurred in foreigners or Indian nationals who had been infected abroad. The following steps are being taken by the Government:—

(1) A cell has been established in the Directorate General of Health Services